

Euphorbiaceae (Spurge Family)

Phenology: flowering March to May; may be facultatively drought deciduous in dry years.

Management Responsibility: DoD-USAF (Barry M. Goldwater Gunnery Range), BLM (Yuma District).

Similar Species: only similar species in the region is *Croton californicus* which is generally found farther west in California and Baja California. *C. wigginsii* is generally more densely pubescent and has larger capsules, usually 9-11 mm long vs. 4-7 mm for *C. californicus*. Overlap in vegetative characteristics and lack of fruit during much of the year can make the two species difficult to distinguish in areas where they co-occur.

Notes: populations in some places have been adversely effected by dune buggy traffic.

Reference: Felger, 1980.

Croton wigginsii

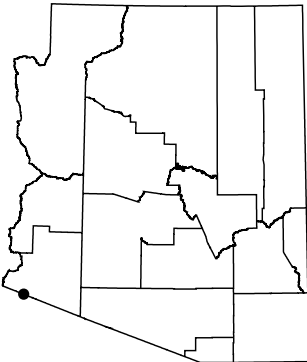


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Habitat: sand dunes, sea level to 500 ft (155 m) elevation.



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Range: sand dunes along the U.S.-Mexico border, in Yuma County, southern California, and Sonora, Mexico, as far south as Guaymas.